

**IN RE: ADOPTION OF IDAHO COURT  
ADMINISTRATIVE RULE (I.C.A.R.) 57**

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**ORDER**

The Court having reviewed a recommendation from the Administrative Conference with regard to time standards for case processing, and being fully informed;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Rule 57 of the Idaho Court Administrative Rules, be, and is hereby, adopted as follows:

**Rule 57. Time standards for case processing.**

- (a) The following time standards are adopted as guidelines for judges, trial court administrators, lawyers, and litigants to assist them in determining the length of time it should take to conclude a case in the trial courts:

**CIVIL**

District Court	540 days from complaint
Magistrate Court	180 days from complaint

**FELONIES**

Magistrate Division	30 days from first appearance to order holding the defendant to answer in the district court or discharging the defendant
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District Court	150 days from first appearance in district court
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**MISDEMEANORS**

90 days from first appearance

**INFRACTIONS**

60 days from first appearance

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS  
AND CHILD SUPPORT  
ENFORCEMENT**

180 days from complaint

JUVENILE

Juvenile Corrections  
Act cases

90 days from admit/deny hearing

Child Protection  
Act cases

As provided in the time frames  
established in the Idaho Juvenile Rules

SMALL CLAIMS

90 days from complaint

(b) In each of the categories of cases in subsection (a), the median length of time taken to resolve all cases should not exceed the time standard prescribed for that category. Trial judges should strive to resolve each individual case within the applicable time standard unless the trial judge determines that exceptional circumstances exist.

(c) No action shall be dismissed for failure to meet these time standards guidelines.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this order shall be effective immediately.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk of the Court shall cause notice of this Order to be published in one issue of *The Advocate*.

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

By Order of the Supreme Court

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Daniel T. Eismann, Chief Justice

ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk